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USE OF CFLS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that scientists have warned against the use of Compact Fluorescent Lamps as they might trigger skin and other disorders;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) : The vast majority of CFL users, both in households and in commercial buildings, report no such issues with regard to CFL usage. There are, however, some anecdotal reports from migraine patients, but no scientific evidence is available. The overwhelming numbers of people who use CFLs, report no such negative effects. In the absence of more research, it is not possible to substantiate such claims.